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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE ROMANIAN US MISSION

1. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, AMBASSADOR BOGDAN CALLED ON ASSIST-
ANT SECRETARY HARTMAN TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THE DEMON-
STRATION BEING ORGANIZED BY "HUNGARIAN EXTREMISTS" IN FRONT
OF THE ROMANIAN UN MISSION IN NEW YORK. HE STATED THAT
THE SITUATION WAS NOW FURTHER COMPLICATED BECAUSE RADIO
STATION WHBI WAS LAUNCHING AN APPEAL TO ALL HUNGARIAN-
AMERICANS TO DEMONSTRATE GIVING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
CONCERNING THE USE OF POSTERS AND SLOGANS. HE SAID EVI-
DENTLY THE DEMONSTRATION WAS PART OF A LONG-RANGE PROGRAM
AGAINST ROMANIA. HE HINTED THAT VIOLENT ACTS MAY ENSUE AS
A RESULT OF THIS APPEAL. AT A TIME WHEN RELATIONS ARE
DEVELOPING WELL, HE REQUESTED FOR SECURITY AND POLITICAL
REASONS THAT US AUTHORITIES TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO
"PREVENT SUCH MANIFESTATION FROM TAKING PLACE."

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2. HARTMAN REPLIED THAT WE WILL ALERT THE NEW YORK

POLICE AND ASK THEM TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES. WE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE ANY VIOLENT INCIDENTS OR ANY THREATS AGAINST PERSONNEL. HOWEVER WE CANNOT "PREVENT" THE HOLDING OF PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS. IT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM TO DO SO.

3. BOGDAN SUGGESTED THAT SINCE THE AUTHORITIES "APPROVED" ALL DEMONSTRATIONS IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WITHIN THE LAW TO TAKE SOME ACTION. HARTMAN SAID THE POLICE "ALLOWED" DEMONSTRATIONS AND WOULD BE SUED IF IT DID NOT ALLOW THEM. BOGDAN EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON OUR RELATIONS AND THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM. HARTMAN REITERATED THAT WE WILL TAKE MEASURES TO SEE THAT THIS DEMONSTRATION REMAINS PEACEFUL.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS AGAIN ALERTED NEW YORK POLICE THROUGH SY. SISCO

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